

Green Team Meeting September 3, 2009

Attendance: Bill Wonderlin, Trevor Lloyd, Sheila Westfall, Will Reilly, Don Spencer, Megan Nedzinski, Erik Edwards, Chris Van Dyke (acting secretary)

Meeting began at 4:15 PM.

Megan Nedzinski and Erik Edwards introduced themselves. Megan is an architect who recently moved to Morgantown. Erik is a student in the College of Engineering at WVU.

Item 1. Minutes of the August 6 Green Team meeting were approved without change.

Item 2. Report from the City

Trevor Lloyd expressed Dan Boroff's gratitude for the Green Team's efforts in regard to the new fire station. The fire station was dedicated on August 24; Bill Wonderlin gave a well-received speech.

CTL energy audit is on schedule. The chiller at the skating rink is currently being installed. The airport's HVAC upgrade is in the planning stage.

Item 3. Update on Energy Audit and Plan by CTL - briefly discussed as part of Item 2 (above)

Item 4. MUB's Energy Efficiency

MUB's request for a rate increase to pay for its proposed upgrade has been approved by City Council. Several members of the Green Team (Wonderlin, Kotcon, Nichols, Spencer) met with Jim Green, Tim Ball, and another MUB engineer during the summer to discuss MUB's energy efficiency. Bill Wonderlin believes MUB would benefit from an outside consultant who could examine operations from an energy perspective; he asked for ideas regarding how to encourage this. In particular, there was interest in asking for an outside consulting firm to review MUB's plan for its upgrade. Don recommended consulting with Dan Boroff and continuing the dialog.

ACTION ITEM: Bill will follow up with Dan and potentially contact Jim Green directly.

Item 5. Comprehensive Plan

Sheila Westfall stated that her meeting with Chris Fletcher has probably been postponed until July, but she wants to find a way to keep momentum behind finishing the goals and objectives for the comprehensive plan. Don Spencer noted that the comprehensive plan is one year out of sync with the census. Bill Wonderlin suggested we use the "goals" as a catalyst to move forward and also attempt to schedule a special meeting with Chris Fletcher on this subject.

Don Spencer stressed the proposed municipal center could be LEED gold certified and could become an economic stimulus. The project has some potential funding and would likely begin in three to four years.

ACTION ITEM: Bill will send email regarding meeting with Chris Fletcher.

Item 6. Green Team Internship

Bill Wonderlin discussed the possibility of a new intern position. In a recent discussion with Jim Kotcon, they agreed that "fleshing out" CTL's energy audit would be an ideal task. Jim thought that beginning the position this fall would be plausible. Will Reilly suggested resurrecting the "energy" job

description developed last fall with the addition MUB's energy usage. Trevor was not certain, but he thought Public Works could take on a paid intern.

Sheila Westfall supported a "public relations" intern position as discussed in last month's meeting. Don Spencer agreed that much could be written about local green activities, such as the new fire station and John Garlow's "green" house. Bill suggested focusing on the energy audit and also determining if the City would support public education and outreach. Don pointed to Bill Reger-Nash's weekly column in the *Dominion Post* as an effective public relations vehicle.

ACTION ITEM: Will will draft a job description for an intern that is focused on detailing municipal energy use .

Item 7. Reports from Standing Committees – not discussed.

Item 8. Is 2010 the "Year of Energy Conservation" in Morgantown?"

Similar to 2009's "Year of Alternative Transportation," Bill Wonderlin introduced the possibility of making 2010 of the "Year of Energy Conservation" in Morgantown. He said that this is a mechanism where City Council provides a focal point and can generate many PR possibilities. Don Spencer stated that this would require a formal proposal with a budget and would need to be made to Council in the next two to three months. Don believed the Green Team could get a copy of last year's alternative transportation proposal. Bill suggested folding in some events already in the planning stage, such as green book night at the library. Don suggested an event with the Chamber of Commerce could build interest.

Sheila suggested that a "green drink" event should be initiated. Trevor said that the brewpub is expected to reopen soon and that this would serve as an excellent venue. Megan detailed Seattle's successful green drinks events that became so popular that local establishments competed to host events, which became fund raising opportunities for local organizations (e.g. admission).

Bill suggested working with other interested groups for green drinks, possibly co-sponsoring. Some potential groups:

Trevor: WVU's Parks and Recreation Club, Adventure Club

Erik: WVU's Biodiesel Club

Sheila: Generation Morgantown, young professionals

ACTION ITEMS: Sheila and Erik volunteered to work on "Year of Energy Conservation."

Megan volunteered to work on "Green Drinks."

Trevor will get details on brewpub opening.

Bill will contact Bill Reger-Nash to set up meeting

Item 9. Website

Chris Van Dyke reported no progress in approvals for posting material to website or creating the link from the City website to Green Team website. Trevor Lloyd will discuss this with Jeff Mikorski.

Item 10. New Business

Don Spencer reported on the mussel and fish kill in Dunkard Creek. TDS levels were 56 ppm at Monongalia River entry. A forum will be held next Friday at the airport at 11 AM; DEP will attend. Recent hot, dry fall weather appears to a trend that may worsen effects like the recent fish kill. According to the DNR, water levels in local streams are already low.

Next Meeting at October 8, 2009 at 4 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.